immunisation, facilities for prevention of deaths due to acute respiratory infections and dehydration due to diarrhoea and essential newborn care are being provided. Towards improving the nutritional status of infants and children, promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices is beign undertaken. Programme for prophylaxis against Vitamin 'A' deficiency and iron deficiency anaemia are under implementation. To improve outreach of these services serveral schemes including organisation of RCH Camps, RCH Outreach Scheme, Dai Training Programme are under implementation.

Statement

Infant Mortality Rate durign 1991—2000

Year	Infant Mortality Rate
1991	80
1992	79
1993	74
1994	74
1995	74
1996	72
1997	71
1998	72
1999	70
2000	68

Source: Sample Registration System

Child Mortality Rate

1224. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Child mortality rate worrisome, says Advani," which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 12th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the proposals of Government to lower the child mortality rate; and

(c) the child mortality rate in other countries; and

(d) the child mortality rate in slums of metropolis of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Government are aware of news-items published by serveral newspapers on 12th April, 2002 on the issue. As per the National Family Health Survey-2 (1998-1999) the Under Five Mortality Rate in India was 94.9 per thousand live births. As a part of the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme, infections and dehydration due to diarrhoea and essential newborn care are being provided. Towards improving the nutritional status of infants and children, promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices is being undertaken. Programmes for prophylaxis against vitamin 'A' deficiency and iron deficiency anaemia are under implementation. To improve outreach of these services several schemes including organisation of RCH Camps, RCH Outreach Scheme, Dai Trainig programme are under implementation. The under Five Mortality Rate for some neighbouring countries is given in Statement-I (*See* below). As per the Registrar General of India child mortality rates below State level are not available due to inadequate sample size. Child Mortality Rates for slum dwellers of metropolitan areas not available. Estimates of death rates for children aged 0-4 years in rural/urban areas for India and the bigger States are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Under five Mortality Rate of Selected Neighbouring Countries.

Bangladesh	104 per thousand live births (1997)
Bhutan	142 per thousand live births (1997)
Myanmar	90 per thousand live births (1997)
Nepal	109 per thousand live births (1997)
Sri Lanka	18 per thousand live births (1997)
Maldives	65 per thousand live births (1997)
Indonesia	59 per thousand live births (1997)
Thailand	36 per thousand live births (1997)

Source: World Health Organisaton

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Statement-II

Child Mortality Rate (CMR) India and Bigger States-1998

	Total	Rural	Urban
India	**22.5**	**24.8**	**12.8**
Andhra Pradesh	18.1	20.7	9.7
Assam	27.5	28.6	13.4
Bihar	22.9	23.5	16.0
Gujarat	19.6	22.5	12.8
Haryana	22.4	24.4	14.5
Himachal Pradesh	16.7	17.2	8.3
Karnataka	16.7	20.4	7.0
Kerala	3.6	3.5	4.1
Madhya Pradesh	32.6	35.2	16.8
Maharashtra	12.7	14.9	8.5
Orissa	29.0	30.2	18.6
Punjab	16.8	18.2	12.1
Rajasthan	27.7	30.0	15.6
Tamil Nadu	13.0	14.7	9.4
Uttar Pradesh	29.6	31.3	20.3
West Bengal	15.0	16.0	11.2

Source: Sample Registration System

Assistance for strengthening Mother and Child Health Programme

1225. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance received from Japan International Coorperative Agency for strengthening the Mother and Child Health Programme in various States;